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Power Theft In Karnataka

5198. SHRIMAT I. BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Electricity Board has suffered a loss of Rs. 7.21 crores due to power theft from 1989 upto now;

(b) whether the Central Electricity Board has suggested a number of measures to the Board for reducing the power theft in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) It is not possible to segregate the technical losses and commercial losses due to theft of power from the total Transmission and Distribution losses. However, from 1989-90 to 1991-92 (upto February, 1992), Karnataka Electricity Board has detected 207 cognizable cases and 5045 non-cognizable cases and an amount of Rs.7.54 crores has been claimed for recovery.

(b) and (c). In order to check the theft of power, Central Electricity Authority has issued guidelines to all power utilities, including the Karnataka Electricity Board, which inter-alia, provide for the installation of meters inside tamper proof meter boxes sealed with number seals, setting up of vigilance squads, conducting of surprise raids to check theft of

energy and launching of prosecution against persons found indulging in the theft of energy.

Post and Telegraph Offices In Gujarat

5199. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges working in Gujarat at present, district-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that their number is inadequate to cater the need of population; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government for augmenting the facilities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The details of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges working in Gujarat, at present, district-wise, are given at Statement I, II, and III respectively.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, steps are being taken to further improve postal, telephone and telegraph services in the State. During the Yyear 1991-92, so far 37 extra departmental branch Post Offices and 2 departmental sub Post Offices have been sanctioned in the state of Gujarat. As regards, telephone exchanges, it is proposed to add 7.9 lakhs switching capacity during the Eighth Plan period. Telegraph facility too will be provided in more and more stations especially in the rural areas, subject to feasibility.

STATEMENT I**Districtwise details of Post Offices in Gujarat**

S.No.	Name of the District	Number of Post Office
1.	Jamnagar	386.
2.	Rajkot	501

S.No.	Name of the District	Number of Post Office
3.	Surendranagar	335
4.	Bhavnagar	470
5.	Amreli	324
6.	Junagadh	538
7.	Kutch	504
8.	Banaskantha	434
9.	Sabarkantha	559
10	Mehsana	567
11.	Gandhinagar	95
12.	Ahmedabad	557
13.	Kheda	622
14.	Panchmahal	524
15.	Vadodra	657
16.	Bharuch	493
17.	Surat	630
18.	Valsad	540
19.	Dang	56
TOTAL		8792

STATEMENT II*Districtwise details of Telegraph Offices in Gujarat as on 29.2.92*

S.No.	Name of District	No. of Telegraph Offices
1.	Ahmedabad	54
2.	Baroda	84
3.	Kheda	171

S.No.	Name of District	No. of Telegraph Offices
4.	Baruch	91
5	Surat	111
6.	Valsad	112
7.	Panchmahal	122
8	Amerli	104
9	Jamnagar	86
10.	Junagarh	181
11	Kutch	77
12.	Rajkot	111
13	Bhavnagar	71
14	Mehsana	146
15	Banaskantha	36
16.	Sabarkantha	92
17	Gandhinagar	61
18.	Surendra Nagar	87
19.	Ahwadang	3
20.	Union Territory of Nagara Dadar Haveil, Daman and Diu.	9
Total		1809

STATEMENT III

The District-wise details of Telephone Exchanges in Gujarat

S. No.	Name of the District SSA	No of Exchanges	Equipped Capacity	Working Connections
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Ahmedabad (including Gandhinagar)	69	171914	161597
2.	Amreli	36	5554	4900
3.	Banaskantha	58	9692	8607
4.	Bharuch	34	12908	11804
5.	Bhavnagar	55	18951	17056
6.	Jamnagar	53	18135	16163
7.	Junagadh (including Diu)	70	22411	20190
8.	Kheda (Nadiad)	90	29551	26624
9.	Kachchha (Bhuj)	61	15721	13767
10.	Mehsana	95	25485	22934
11.	Panchmahal (Godhra)	47	8336	7530

S. No.	Name of the District SSA	No of Exchanges	Equipped Capacity	Working Connections
1	2	3	4	5
12.	Rajkot	72	40597	37477
13.	Sabarkantha (Himalnagar)	80	12928	11062
14.	Surat	54	57391	52247
15.	Surendranagar	42	9219	8482
16.	Valsad (including Dang, Daman & Silvassa)	56	21298	17385
17.	Vadodara	56	43611	35741
Total:		1048	523642	473566